

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a piston for an internal combustion engine, comprising an essentially cylindrical basis member made of forged aluminum and a ring element that is disposed in the radially outer edge area of the bottom of the piston and forms an annular cooling channel along with the basic member. The ring element is made of cast aluminum and is provided with a ring support for a compression ring, said ring support being made of Ni-resist.--